



SOF / CF Interdependen ce

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2014 Problem Statement:

How can conventional forces and SOF maintain the excellent interdependence established in Iraq & Afghanistan?

Objectives:

1. Define the Problem
2. Provide an overview of SOF / CF interaction best practices.
3. Provide an overview of current SOF/CF training opportunities.
4. Discuss gaps, seams, and areas that will atrophy as well as ways to mitigate them over the next 5 years.

Outcomes:

The Maneuver community of practice (CoP) leaves with a clear understanding of SOF / CF interdependence best practices, on-going training opportunities and expected atrophy, as well as ways to mitigate the atrophy over the next 5 years.

Question 1:

What are the best practices for achieving SOF / CF interaction?

Question 2:

What are current SOF / CF training opportunities within FORSCOM, USASOC, the COCOMs, TRADOC, and the NG?

Question 3:

What are the gaps, seams, and areas we expect to see atrophy over the next 5 years?

Question 4:

What actions are needed to mitigate these shortcomings and expected atrophy within FORSCOM, USASOC, TRADOC, and the NG?

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Key Attendees for Discussion:

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MCCC instructors/students w/deployment experience working with both SOF and CF

SOF COL Henderson - DOTD Director

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Read Ahead:

CALL Handbook: CF/SOF Integration and Interoperability, Feb 07, SOF Interdependence Cell Concept PPT, Article:



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Agenda



- **Define the Problem**
- **SOF / CF Best Practices**
- **SOF / CF Training Opportunities**
- **Equipment Sustains/Improves**
- **Atrophy**
- **Ways to Encourage More Interaction**
- **Way Ahead**



Define the Problem

- What are we trying to solve?
- What is the SOF / CF interdependence problem?



SOF / CF Best Practices



- **Conventional Force LNO in SOF TOC**
- **SOF LNO in Conventional Force TOC**
- **Conventional Force embed in SOF operation; provides continuity during battlefield handover**
- **Weekly SOF / CF Targeting VTC**
- **TBD**



SOF / CF Training Opportunities

FORSCOM / USASOC:

- **CF / SOF: JRTC / NTC / JMRC Rotation**
- **SOF / CF:**
 - Task Force Training (TFTs)
 - MLAT (Airfield Seizure w/CF Integration)
 - Assist foreign countries with upgrading their TNG
- **TBD**

COCOMs:

- **Regionally Aligned Forces and SF Teams**
- **COCOM Training Exercises**
- **Operational Deployment (AFG, Iraq)**
- **Pre-Operational Deployment DC Tour (CIA, NSA, NGA, State, etc..)**
- **TBD**



SOF / CF Training Opportunities II

TRADOC:

- Jumpmaster
- Pathfinder
- Basic Airborne Course
- Air Assault
- IMLOC
- Ranger
- IBOLC: 0 hrs dedicated to SOF
- MCCC: CF 895 POI hrs / SOF 01 POI hr (Common Core Class)
- CGSC
- War College
- TBD

USASOC:

- HALO
- 18X Program
- TBD



Equipment Sustains/Improves

- **SOF Equipment**

- **Sustain**
 - TBD
- **Improve**
 - TBD

- **CF Equipment**

- **Sustain**
 - TBD
- **Improve**
 - TBD



Atrophy



- Limited interaction between the cultures
- Intelligence hoarding
- Limited interaction in PME
- TBD

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Ways to Encourage More Interaction



TRADOC (USASOC):

- Eliminate SOF Jumpmaster Course (all Jumpmasters attend FBGA or 82nd ABN)
- Bring back SF into MCCC
- Establish CF / SOF Interaction Cell at MCoE
- Bring SF Teams to IBOLC FTXs
- TBD

USASOC:

- Allow more CFs to attend SOF courses (SFARTIC, Medical, etc)
- Establish SOF / CF Interaction Cell at JFKSWC
- TBD

USASOC / FORSCOM:

- Synchronize SOF / CF Training & Deployments
- TBD

DA:

- Change personnel policies to enable rotations between SOF and CF assignments
- TBD

NG:

- TBD



Way Ahead



- **11 SEP 14 MWfC Working Group**
- **01 OCT 14 Grow SOF / CF interdependence Cell within MCoE (CAT-D)**
- **TBD**
- **SEP 15 Revisit at 2015 Maneuver Conference**